

# Rekha conducts Basti Sampark Abhiyan to develop connect with backward communities

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JAMMU: Rekha Mahajan, the District President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu South, initiated the "Basti Sampark Abhiyan" campaign in Jawahar Nagar Pasmanda Basti of the Bahu Constituency with the aim of establishing stronger connections with backward communities.

The campaign involved the participation of many leaders and party workers from Jammu South, including District Vice President Narinder Gupta, Mandal President Gandhi Nagar Bharat Bhushan, Shaktikendra Parmukh Ankit Koehhar, Booth Presidents Vivek Khajuria and Naresh Kumar, along with their teams.

During the Basti



Rekha Mahajan, BJP District President Jammu South with locals during the campaign.

Sampark Abhiyaan, Rekha discussed the core principles behind the BJP's vision and their approach to government welfare schemes for backward communities. She emphasized that from the days of Jansang to the

present BJP, the party has remained dedicated to the welfare of the country and society.

Rekha Mahajan highlighted the ideals set by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, which have been carried

forward by Prime Minister Modi under the banner of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas."

Rekha also pointed out the significant participation of scheduled castes, Dalits, and Adivasis in government welfare schemes, such as Kisan Samman Nidhi, Jal Jeevan, and PM Aawas,

with percentages ranging from 30% to 34%.

She stressed the importance of BJP workers acting as bridges to ensure that these welfare programs reach the most backward and marginalized sections of society.

Rekha Mahajan praised Prime Minister Modi for his efforts to break away from the colonial past, as seen in the renaming of "Raj Path" to "Kartavya Path" and the transformation of the Prime Minister's residence from "7 Race Course" to "Lok Kalyan Marg."

She attributed these changes to the Modi-led government's commitment to serving the nation and its people rather than merely seeking power, contrasting it with what she called "corrupt political parties" that prioritize rule over service.

# Completed works dedicated to public by Corporator Gurmeet

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Councillor of Ward 69, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa, put completed works worth Rs 44 lakhs to public use in Sainik Colony. This includes drains, deep drain and culverts in Shopping Complex, Sector A, B and G of Sainik Colony.

Speaking on the occasion, Captain Suresh Kumar Bhatti said, "With the completion of deep drains and culverts along the entire length of road of Shopping Complex the problem of water logging will be resolved. The work of tube-wells worth 70 lakhs in Ward-69 of Sainik Colony is near completion. This will resolve the problem of water in Sector A, B and C."

He appreciated that the community hall constructed in Shiv Mandir sector G in Sainik Colony is presently used to run Yoga classes in



Councillor of Ward 69, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa dedicating completed civic works to local residents.

addition to other community activities.

She has worked on true vision of Narendra bhai Modi's slogan 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas.'

She thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for empowering the women which constitute nearly half the population of the country by reserving 33% of seats in parliament and state assemblies.

Women reservation bill is a landmark event in the history of India which will go a long way in meeting aspirations of the women and ending gender discrimination.

Others present during the occasion were Er Yashpal, Charanjit Charak, Amrik Singh, Bablu, Rakesh Choudhary, Ashok Sambyal, Kalyan Singh, Ajay Singh, Sukhi, Satpal Choudhary, Komal, Pooja, Babli and others.

# Councillor Ward-41 starts blacktopping work at Paloura



Councillor in Ward-41, Sanjay Kumar Baru starting blacktopping work.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Sanjay Kumar Baru, a senior BJP leader and councillor in Ward-41, along with other BJP members, initiated the blacktopping work of a ramp and main lane at Paloura market in Jammu.

Baru pointed out that the ramp connecting the market with the Jammu-Akhnoor main road had not been blacktopped by the National Highway Authorities, leading to difficulties for locals and commuters. He mentioned

that the lack of blacktopping had resulted in accidents in the area. Baru expressed satisfaction that the blacktopping work is finally being undertaken after a significant delay. He believed that this will provide relief to the local residents, pedestrians, and vehicles passing through the area. The black topping work of the road is being initiated by the Jammu Municipal Corporation, and it is estimated to cost Rs 5 lakhs. Baru also praised the work of the Modi govern-

ment, stating that many historic decisions have been made in the past nine years. He believed that these decisions reflect the government's commitment to justice for all and not favoring any particular group. He emphasized that these policies have contributed to the progress and prosperity of the nation, with recognition from developed countries.

Keshav Chopra, the BJP Mandal President, mentioned that ward-41 is rapidly developing as a "Model Ward."

# Dharmarth Trust holds capacity building workshop to enhance work culture & promote temple sanctity

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The J&K Dharmarth Trust took a significant step toward enhancing the work culture and maintaining the sanctity of temple premises by conducting a comprehensive workshop on capacity building. The workshop was headed by Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd), Secretary of the Trust, aimed to empower and educate employees for the betterment of their roles and responsibilities.

Addressing a gathering of all Unit Heads of Central Office, Managers, Assistant Managers and Pujaris, Trust's Secretary emphasized the paramount importance of cleanliness within temple premises. He urged them to maintain the highest standards of hygiene, strictly prohibit-



Members of Trust and others during the programme.

ing the use of toxic substances, smoking, and drugs within all the temples falling under the Trust's jurisdiction. Furthermore, he stressed the need to prevent encroachments and illegal occupations on Trust property.

The Secretary pointed out that the Pitru Paksha (Sharad) period has commenced today, during

which Hindus pay homage to their ancestors through food offerings, necessitates utmost care. He reminded Pujaris to differentiate between offerings made for ancestors and those intended for the deities, ensuring no confusion. He clearly said that the food donated by people during the same period will not offer to God.

Ashok Kumar Sharma also disclosed the initiation of the "Best Employee of the Year Award" along with a cash prize of Rs 10,000. He encouraged the employees to strive for excellence to be eligible for this prestigious accolade in the upcoming year.

The Secretary reiterated the importance of adhering to the guidelines set forth

in the Ain-e-Dharmarth Trust with unwavering commitment and dedication. He asserted that the main objective of conducting this workshop was to promote a culture of excellence and sanctity within its temples, with a vision of delivering the highest standards of service to devotees.

In response, the participating employees expressed their wholehearted commitment to upholding the principles and directions of the J&K Dharmarth Trust management. They pledged to work diligently, honestly, and with the utmost dedication to ensure the sanctity of the temples and the fulfillment of their responsibilities. Land Record Officer, Satpal Sharma was also present.

# BJP set to score big win in upcoming LAHDC Kargil: Ashok Koul

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KARGIL: Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.) of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, held a meeting regarding the upcoming Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections in Kargil.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul expressed confidence that the BJP is set to achieve a significant victory in the upcoming LAHDC (Kargil) elections, which were scheduled for October 4th.

He attributed this anti-



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.) BJP chairing a meeting at Kargil.

ipated success to the development initiatives carried out in the region under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted the "unprecedented development of the whole

region" during this time.

Koul urged party leaders and activists to work diligently in garnering support for the BJP and to ensure that party workers are well-prepared for the ongoing

campaign in Kargil District.

He emphasized the importance of voter turnout and getting individuals to cast their votes for the BJP.

Sat Sharma, former State President, encouraged party leaders to engage with prominent social organizations, religious figures (Lamas), and other influential individuals in the area to seek their

blessings and familiarize them with the BJP government's initiatives for regional welfare.

Vikram Randhawa, former MLC, urged party workers to concentrate all their efforts and energy on securing votes for the BJP in the remaining days leading up to the elections.

Phunchuk Stanzin, Ladakh UT President, highlighted various decisions made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government that have facilitated development in Ladakh and Kargil.

Hazi Mohd Abdul expressed confidence that the people of Kargil support the BJP and predicted a strong showing in the elections with all the seats going to the party.

# Seva Bharti launches 'Apna Bhojnalaya' initiative at GMC

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The "Apna Bhojnalaya" initiative launched by Seva Bharti at the Government Medical College in Jammu is indeed a heartwarming and impactful endeavor.

This initiative serves a dual purpose by providing affordable and nutritious food to the attendants of patients visiting the hospital while also offering a ray of hope and comfort during challenging times.

Serving 11,153 meals in just one month is a significant achievement and highlights the tremendous need for such services in the community. Pradeep Kapoor, the



Meals being served to attendants at GMC Jammu.

Incharge of Apna Bhojnalaya, recognized the significance of this initiative.

He emphasized the importance of small efforts and the positive impact they can have on the lives of those in need.

The initiative not only provides sustenance but also embodies the spirit of service

and compassion, which is essential, especially in times of adversity, he added.

The initiative's commitment to expanding its services to include breakfast and dinner shows a dedication to meeting the nutritional needs of patients' attendants comprehensively, he said.

# Wanchoo expresses concern over alarming dengue outbreak, urges immediate action

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chetan Wanchoo, Vice President of BJP in Kashmir Displaced District, has voiced his deep distress and apprehension regarding the escalating dengue crisis that is plaguing the region.

With an alarming surge in dengue cases and reported deaths, Chetan has taken a stand against the perceived apathy of the administration in combating this grave public



health issue. Chetan has noted with dismay that the administrative response to the dengue outbreak appears to be lackluster and insufficient. He has pointed out that even the essential fogging operations in affected areas have been noticeably reduced compared to previous

years. This negligence has resulted in tragic fatalities, casting a dark shadow over the community, he said.

In a fervent appeal, Chetan beseeches the LG Manoj Sinha to take immediate action. He calls upon the LG to convene an urgent meeting with the Health Department and other relevant authorities to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat the dengue outbreak.

# BJYM KDD hosts blood donation camp at GMC Jammu



A volunteer donating blood during the camp.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Blood Donation Camp organized by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) at the Government Medical College (GMC) in Jammu is indeed a commendable demonstration of community spirit and altruism.

The presence of notable figures such as former Minister & General Secretary of the BJP, Dr.

Devinder Manyal, and State President of Yuva Morcha, Arun Prabhat, reflects the importance and significance of this event.

Dr. Manyal emphasised on the party's commitment to serving the nation in various aspects, including blood donation, is an inspiring message.

His statement that "every blood donor is a hero" rightly acknowledged the importance of blood donation in saving lives and providing

support for medical treatments. District President Chand Ji Bhat's information about the frequency of blood donation is crucial in encouraging people to become regular donors.

Arun Prabhat's recognition of the Blood Donation Camp as an example of the party's dedication to social welfare and community service highlights the positive impact that political organizations and their youth wings can have on the lives of citizens.

# StartUps torchbearers of India's Amrit Kaal journey: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said, StartUps are the torch-bearers of India's Amrit Kaal journey over the next 25 years.

Addressing the Agri-Tech Start-up Conclave titled "ATMAN-2023", Dr Jitendra Singh called for wider synergy among the Research, Academia, StartUps and Industry for having a win-win proposition not only for innovative product development, but also for effective national and global branding and marketing.

Dr Jitendra described Atman as a unique initiative as the ATMAN partners are working together as a team to provide an exclusive platform for the agricultural startups and innovations and some of these technologies have been displayed and demonstrated at the Expo organized during the programme.

"The event was organized to help potential startups with financial and technical assistance with promising ideas, innovations, and technologies for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, and market entry. The Technology Innovation Hubs

at IITs Bombay, Ropar, Indore and Kharagpur are collectively offering a total fund of Rs 20 Crore to provide financial support to the tune of Rs 50 lakhs to each startup," Dr Singh explained.

Referring to the success of CSIR led Lavender Mission, which has changed the lives of many farmers, Dr Jitendra underlined that Prime Minister in the 99th Edition of Mann ki Baat, appreciated the efforts of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) in supporting farmers in the cultivation of Lavender in the Bhadervah, Doda district, J&K under CSIR-Aroma Mission.

He said, "Farmers had been engaged in traditional maize cultivation for decades, but some farmers thought of doing something different. They turned to floriculture, that is, the cultivation of flowers. Today, around two and a half thousand farmers are cultivating Lavender here. They have also been hand held through the Aroma Mission of the Central Government. This new cultivation has greatly increased the income of the farmers."